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3. (Currently Amended) The ~~connector~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein said insulating spacer insert is comprised of a "U" shaped channel having with longitudinal side flanges for maintaining the first and second ~~base units~~ bases in line with respect to each other; and ~~said channel further being with a central fin narrower than said channel and centrally and vertically positioned in said channel to maintain said first stud portions portion a fixed distance from apart and in a fixed position relative to said second stud portion, each other and to first and second base units.~~

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4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:

said first conductive base has a selected length having first and second ends, a selected width and a selected thickness less than said selected width;

said second conductive base has a selected length having first and second ends, a selected width and a selected thickness less than said selected width;

~~a first portion of a~~ said first conductive stud portion secured to said first base at its second end;

~~a second portion of a~~ said second conductive stud portion secured to said second base at its second end;

said first and second conductive stud portions carrying mating thread patterns thereon;

said first side of said first base being electrically connected to said first terminal; and

said first side of said second base being electrically connected to said second terminal.

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5. (Cancelled) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein:

said first and second portions of said conductive stud are identical and carry mating thread patterns thereon.

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